

## **UVA Medical Reserve Corps**

a joint student-faculty community service project of the school of medicine

# Organizational Overview Community Integration and Partners







- Overview and Startup
  - Established July 2003
  - Based in the School of Medicine
  - joint faculty-student outreach, public service and education
  - mission :

clinical expertise and operational support in disaster, with meaningful service-learning opportunities for UVa students and community practitioners

## Evolving Structure



#### FINAL

Joint Student-Faculty Project Student Coordinating Council "Student Volunteers" P.A.B.

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- Based in a model designed to perpetuate student leadership and membership through apprenticeship, recognition and transitional leadership programs
- Assistance of a professional advisory board (PAB) comprised of educators and health professionals with expertise in disaster and bioterrorism

#### Student Coordinating Council

- Two main divisions-each headed by a student director
  - Operations- three main components
  - Administration- two main components

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- Student-specific matters
  - supervised by qualified faculty and credentialed clinicians at all times
  - Integrated into the curriculum as a voluntary activity.
  - under the liability and malpractice umbrella of the university.

#### PARTNERSHIPS

- Coordinate and integrate with the regional emergency response system
- Supplement and amplify health and medical resources in disaster situations
- Initially involved existing disaster stakeholders in the design of the project

#### **Initial Discussions and Letters of Support**

- Red Cross Disaster Services
- Inspector General for Mental Health- Comm. of VA
- Emergency Services Coordinator City, County, UVA
  - CERT-Citizen Corps- Virginia Corps
- Emergency Manager- UVa Health System
- •UVA School of Medicine Student Government
- Senior Associate Dean for Education- Med School
- Associate Dean for CME and External Affairs
- University Provost's Office
- Curry School of Education
- •VDH- Office of EP&R

## Additional groups/support agencies for preplanning

- UVa School of Nursing
- UVa Health System Social Work
- Chaplaincy Service at the University
- Health Evaluation Sciences Department
- •5 Cs (Citizens' Committee for City-County Cooperation)
- United Way Disaster Committee

Student Directors Have 2 seats on PAB

Professional Advisory Board

#### Professional Advisory Board (PAB)

Edward Kantor, MD Faculty Director/Advisor Chair, PAB Mental Health

Faculty Board Members

> Mark Kirk Dep. Faculty Director Emergency/Toxicology UVA School of Medicine

Richard Pearson Associate Dean School of Medicine University of Virginia

Peter Sheras Mental Health Curry School (UVA) American Red Cross

Anita Thompson-Heisterman Clinical Nurse Specialist UVA School of Nursing University Board Members

David Cattell-Gordon
Director of Outreach
and Community Service
UVA Health System

Ida Edwards
Director of
Social Work
UVA Health System

Donald Moore Chaplain University of Virginia Health System

Marjorie Sidebottom Emergency Preparedness Chair UVA Health System Community Board Members

> Berton Blumenfeld Emergency Services Director Central VA Red Cross

Pamela Burke Emergency Planner Thomas Jefferson Area Health District (VDH)

Roy Crewz Sr. Epidemiologist Thomas Jefferson Area Health District (VDH)

Kaye Harden Emergency Services Coordinator Albemarle County

Leigh Middleditch Vice President MeguireWoods Consulting

- Needs Assessment
  - 40% response rate from stakeholder agencies
  - From that our boards developed priorities

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## Priority Roles for the UVa Medical Reserve Corps in our community:

- -Work with Pharmaceutical Stockpile Distribution
- -Augment special needs shelter staffing
- -Augment Decontamination Station response rersonnel
- -Augment the Small Pox other mass vaccination programs
- -Develop a Specialty Disaster Medical Response Unit

#### What makes us unique or different?

In Virginia- only non health department MRC so far

Nationally- only student run MRC based in a University one of a handful of University based MRCs

#### Organization

Student leadership Management Structure Curricular Integration

Integration and partnerships
Partners Agencies helped form the organization
Partners on Board for oversight and planning

#### **UVa Medical Reserve Corps**

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